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Wires Club.

Dear Helen & Elmer,

I've been just taking it easy here in Naples while Jim is on his last cruise before Christmas. He's on his way home now from Haifa, Israel. I didn't go this time because of the short time Jim would be there. I'm thinking of joining a package tour, though, to both Israel and Egypt in early February sponsored by the Allied Officers

Last night I went to my first opera - it was the *Götterdämmerung* - the last of the great four-part opera by Richard Wagner. It lasted from 5pm til 11pm (with two 45 min. intermissions) I loved it!

Mary, I believe, saw all four parts of the whole opera (the Ring of the Nibelungs) last year. She said she'd really enjoyed it so I've wanted to go see it ever

since. It is fantastic!

I've just about gotten back to "normal" after eating my way through France (is not jogging!) Our trip to Provence was such fun, though that a few "pounds" didn't seem to matter.

I got to hear one of your tapes & it was great to feel so in touch. Tell everyone we're thinking of you all. Have a very merry Christmas. Love, Vicki's Jim

